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INEFFICIENT REPAIR AND LOADING PROCEDURES
DELAY RAILROAD OPERATION

WHEAT LOADING LAGS ON ODESSA SYSTEM -- Gudok, No 63, 27 May 49

The loading of wheat from last year's crop now stored in warehouses of stations of the Odessa Railroad System is far behind schedule. The program requires all storehouses to be empty by 1 June, but only 50 percent of the box cars loaded daily are being loaded with wheat, while the rest are being used for less important cargoes. In many cases freight cars are unnecessarily being laid up for repairs.

REPAIR WORK TARDY ON NORTH DONETS SYSTEM -- Gudok, No 63, 27 May 49

Repair work on the North Donets Railroad System is being hindered by improper use of railroad repair equipment. Many sections of the system ended the winter in poor condition. Tests showed that the number of defects along the Rodakovo Section had doubled since December, and the number of defects along the Chistyakovka Section had increased 300 percent. Serious defects were discovered in the Voroshilovgrad and Shterovka sections.

However, much of the road-repair machinery is lying idle because maintenance workers regard it with contempt. The machines are sent from station to station and then left idle on sidings. The system's welding train lost 183 machine-shifts during the first quarter of this year. Of 13 movable electric power plants on the Nikitovka Section, only two are being used. A road-leveling machine, for which there is demand on all stations of the system, lies idle on a siding in Kropyansk.

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GORLOVKA STATION CUTS CAR DELAY -- Gudok, No 64, 29 May 49

Freight car delay in the Gorlovka Railroad Station has been cut 20 hours in comparison with January 1949.

Not less than 35 percent of the freight handling done by the station is now carried out at night.

ROSSOSH' LOCOMOTIVE DELAY SERIOUS; STEPS TAKEN -- Gudok, No 64, 29 May 49

Delay of locomotives on the Rossosh' Railroad Section has reached serious proportions. During 5 months of 1949, 695 locomotives were delayed a total of 1,081 hours above the norm at the control post in Liski, and in Rossosh' and Chertkovo 1,727 locomotives were delayed 2,358 hours above the norm. The blame for this situation rests mainly on Vavilovskiy, head of the Rossosh' Section, who is more concerned with achieving record runs by a few individual locomotives than with efficient basic operation by all locomotives.

Gudok, No 65, 1 Jun 49

Steps have been taken to improve conditions reported in Gudok for 29 May 1949. Workers of the Rossosh' Section have entered into a competition to improve operations, and delay has been cut considerably in the Rossosh', Saguny, and other stations.

RAILROAD, PORT WORKERS COMPETE -- Sovetskaya Litva, No 124, 28 May 49

Workers of Kaunas railroad terminal and of the Neiman River Steamship Line have entered into competition and made mutual agreements. Railroad workers have agreed to send the port workers railroad cars in good condition for loading freight and on time. Port workers have determined to exceed the year plan for loading and unloading operations by 7 percent.

AZERBAIJZHAN FREIGHT CAR TURNOVER SPEEDED -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, No 97, 20 May 49

In 1948, freight car turnover on the Azerbaijan Railroad System was accelerated 12.2 hours over the 1947 figure. The 1949 plan calls for speeding freight car turnover another 15.4 hours.

POLTAVA REPAIR PLANT USES NEW METHODS -- Gudok, No 64, 29 May 49

Many new innovations are being used in the Poltava Locomotive-Repair Plant. An enormous carriage is used to carry boilers from the boiler shop to the assembly shop. A device called a tractor is used in connection with automatic welding. A large washing machine is used to wash all parts of dismantled locomotives. Valve sleeves and valve cylinders are made with a centrifugal casting machine; spoilage on this machine is only 2½ percent.

During 1946 the plant expended 9,000 man-hours on capital repair of locomotives. During the first quarter 1949, 6,500-6,700 man-hours were expended on capital repair of locomotives.

NEW STATION BUILDING IN ZDOLBUNOV -- Gudok, No 65, 1 Jun 49

A new station building has been put into use at the Zdolbunov Railroad Station. The building has rooms for mothers and children, waiting rooms, and a restaurant.

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